



# SHAG NORTHERN VIRGINIA SHAG CLUB RAG

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Dedicated to the Preservation  
of the Carolina Shag and  
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## **Northern Virginia Shag Club's Monthly Newsletter**

*President's Message by Janis Grimes*



Summer is almost here! And Shaggers, get ready, we have TWO special events planned for you during the month of June. I'd like to thank each member of the board for all of the work that they are doing, behind the scenes, to keep things going for YOU! This club isn't ours - it's YOURS..., and we are proud to serve the organization. Personally, I would just like to let everybody know that I love the shag dance, and the shag lifestyle ... and it's the best group of people I have ever known.

Didn't we have a great time at the Sunday Social in May? Thanks to John Olaya, owner of Rene's, for opening up for us, and preparing that delicious spread of food! Thanks also to Nancy Gehley for teaching that super salsa line dance at the Sunday Social... A lot of people had a lot of fun with that. Photos by Jessie March will soon be posted on the club's website.

At the General Membership meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, Marcia Conway reported that the amount raised at the Shag-a-thon to be donated to Capital Hospice has exceeded \$14,000! Thanks to everyone for their generosity in supporting the Shag-a-thon, and special thanks to Marcia Conway, for a super job raising money for the club, and for our charity!

Dancing is joyful ... share the joy!

### **TWO WEEKEND EVENTS COMING UP THIS MONTH:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> - MARGARITAVILLE PARTY AT THE SPRINGFIELD VFW,**  
7905 Kincannon Place, Lorton, VA, 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Featuring an almost endless supply of Margaritas, Pina Colodas, Beer and Wine, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Free Beginner Shag lesson with Joan McKinney and David Rodgers... Music by Craig Jennings. Be There, or Be Square.... For more info, see flier included in this newsletter, or go to <http://nvshag.org/>

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> - FREE SHAG WORKSHOP, 7-8 P.M.; AND SATURDAY SHAG DANCE AT PSDC DANCE ROOM IN VIENNA, VA** - All are welcome to attend., juniors under 21 years old admitted FREE, with adult. FREE PIZZA after workshop, Dancing 8-11 p.m. For more info, see flier included in this newsletter, or go to <http://nvshag.org/>

**COMING UP NEXT MONTH: CSA DANCE CONTEST, JULY 8-9 - AT VISIONS IN RICHMOND.** THIS IS THE ONLY CSA CONTEST SCHEDULED IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA THIS YEAR... THERE WILL BE A GROUP OF SHAGGERS FROM NORTHERN VIRGINIA GOING TO RICHMOND TO SUPPORT OUR DANCERS. TICKETS AND INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. FOR MORE INFO, GO TO <http://www.visionsspa.homestead.com/>

**JUNIOR SOS - July 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> - North Myrtle Beach, SC.** An SOS-type event for those under the age of 21, held in the Ocean Drive area of North Myrtle Beach, SC. Junior SOS exposes a lot of youngsters and their parents to the dance for the first time. So, the entire event is planned to make sure the first-time shaggers have every opportunity to learn to dance, and have a lot of fun doing it. See enclosed article on Junior SOS, inside this newsletter. For more info, go to <http://www.juniorshaggers.com/>

**Capital Shag Classic, July 29-30-31, at the Holiday Inn Suites in Old Town, Alexandria.** FREE Workshops with Bill & Brenda Barber! Music by ABSC Deejays Jerry Canada, Dennis & Nancy Gehley, Craig Jennings, Jim Rose, & Gerry Scott. **Do you have your ticket to the Classic yet??** See Valerie Swiger, or go to <http://nvshag.org/> for the flyer and information.



## Junior SOS

*(reprinted with permission from the JSA website)*

Years ago, there was an effort to put on an SOS-type event for those who were not old enough to attend the adult SOS events at North Myrtle Beach. (See shagdance.com for more about SOS.) The idea was to give the Juniors who already danced a chance to have fun, and a chance to help others learn to shag in a safe environment. It was hoped that the event would increase interest in shag dancing, and encourage new young people and their parents to participate.

The first "Junior SOS" was held one afternoon at a lounge named "Smiley's" in Charlotte, NC. There were about 30 or 40 young people that first year. It was a one-day event with hamburgers and hot-dogs on the back deck (it rained) and dancing inside. Everyone had a ball and knew right away that we had to have one every year.

The event is now held in the Ocean Drive area of North Myrtle Beach, SC. Several of the adult lounges open their doors and hearts to the Juniors for that weekend and always work with the JSA to make the weekend great for the kids. If you are not familiar with North Myrtle Beach, the participating lounges are within about 200 yards of each other and the beach.

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- Free Junior Dance Workshops
- A Junior Mixed Doubles Contest
- A Battle of the Sexes Line Dance Contest
- A Junior SOS Car Wash
- A Junior Visit and Exhibition At a Retirement Home
- A Junior SOS Volleyball Tournament and Other Beach Activities!!
- Gifts and Prizes
- A Sunday Gospel Hour and Farewell Brunch



Junior SOS is organized and put on by the Junior Shag Association. The primary financial sponsors are the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs and Allegheny Products - Anget Natural Spring Water. But, the event would not be possible without the adult shag clubs, dance club (lounge) owners, shag DJs, dance instructors, parents, and other individuals making generous donations of money, time, prizes, and services.

Next Junior SOS Date: [July 15-17, 2005]

Place: North Myrtle Beach, SC

Participating Lounges: Boulevard Grill, Ducks, Fat Harold's and the OD Arcade.



The Northern Virginia Shag Club  
and  
The Ski Club of Washington DC  
*Join Together for*

# ***Shaggin' In Margaritaville!***

**June 4th  
7:30PM  
till  
Midnight**

***FREE Beginner Shag Lesson  
7:30 -8:30***

***With Joan McKinney & David Rodgers  
No Partner Required***

***Party Starts at 8:30***

***Featuring an almost endless  
supply of Frosty Margaritas,  
Beer, Wine, Pina Colodas, and  
Sodas with hors d'oeuvres***

**Springfield VFW**

**Lorton, VA 22079**

**Shag and Beach Music by NVSC  
DJ Craig Jennings**

**Members \$15**

**Guests \$17**

**Junior Shaggers Free!**

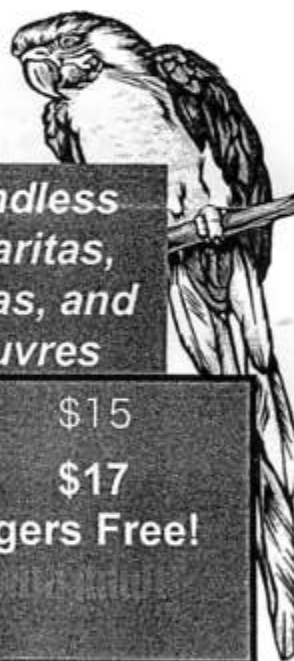


**Location & Directions:** Springfield VFW. Take I-495 Beltway to I-95 South. Exit at 166A, Fairfax County Parkway. Get into the left lane, turn left at first stop light onto Newington Road. Stay to the right on Newington Road and go under one-lane bridge. Go approximately 1/4 mile, take HARD left onto Cinderbed Road. Go approximately 1/2 mile, turn right onto Hillpark Drive. At the end of Hillpark, and turn left onto Kincannon. VFW is on the right.

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# Spinnin' Round . . . News from the DJ Booth

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## A CHANGING OF THE GUARD...

Well, a lot has changed since this picture of "Spider" was taken. For those of you who have never been to the Ocean Drive section of North Myrtle Beach and for those of you who haven't been for sometime, this article, hopefully, will entice you to visit or revisit the place where it all began...this music, this feeling, this way of life we all long for, and all the good times we share with great friends. OK, let's get started on our tour of Ocean Drive. Think back, it's September and it's Fall SOS. We'll start out 2 blocks off Main Street at H's of O.D.. It's new, it's clean, it's exciting. The dance floors are huge and there are two dance floors outside with a bar, bandstand and DJ booth. The place is packed, especially with a lot of locals. No need to show the SOS card, it's free! The music is current beach music and old blues thrown in. The floor is packed. Well, it's time to leave. Can't waste time here. Our next destination awaits!

We'll head back towards Main, but cut through the back yard and go in the back door of Fat Harold's. Get your SOS cards out, they be checking! It's smoke-filled and the blues are jumpin'. Joanne Johnson is spinning the tunes. The dance floor is packed. Let's push our way through the crowd and head towards the front room. Careful, don't get burnt by a lighted cigarette.

The front room is wall to wall. Push hard and take every chance to get through. Hey, there's Wilkie Waley blasting out some old 60's Beach music. The dance floor is so packed. Taking more than a very short basic step is almost impossible! But hey, look at that fool over there...trying to hand dance...in this crowd, good luck. Just glad I'm not next to them! Well, this is fun, but we must be off. Say goodbye to Harold, we'll see you later.

Let's cross the street and head for Ducks. We'll start upstairs...get out your card! It's packed and the floor is full. There's a light smokey haze hanging over the crowd. It will take some time to get through the crowd to the back and downstairs to Ducks Too. As we pass the DJ booth wave to Craig Jennings, he's playing some (probably unfamiliar to you) good dance music. Finally, we make it to the door downstairs. Wow, another crowd, but distinctively different music. Ah, isn't that Earl Bostic I hear? Yea, and it's Butch Metcalf and Steve Baker playing. Watch out, Cooter is coming through with his hands full, but always a "hey, how's it goin'." Let's make our way out the back door and head towards Ocean Blvd.

Next Stop, Pirate's Cove. Not as big a crowd, but still crowded. The sound system is blaring blues music and the floor is crowded. This place has probably the best sound system and floor on the beach. Don't see anyone we know, so let's head out back and stop by the Pad.

We really need to stop by here because there's word on the street that they want turn this into a parking lot! How crude. Oh well, there's a blues band on the side deck and the inside is smoke filled and crowded.

We'll head out the side door and across the street to the Arcade. It's a block building painted white with green signs. Remember, the Smoothies contest was here on Thursday. Smoothies...I just love watching the good dancers move to the music...poetry in motion! OK, let's cross the street and stop by the Boulevard Grille.

We'll go in the front and say hi to Connie, the owner. The front is busy with customers eating and the bar is full. Let's head to the back room where Larry Jones is playing great old blues...isn't that Vesta and the gang dancing?

SPINNIN' ROUND continued...

Hey, let's join in the party. It's really smokey and hot in here, let's go out back on the patio and cool off and dance some more.

Time to head to the Pavilion and hear Little Tommy Hamerick play some really old beach stuff...my favorite! Let's stay out on the back deck and enjoy the cool ocean breeze while we dance the nite away.

OK, did you enjoy your trip down memory lane? Let's now take a look at 2005. The Pad and H's are gone. One is a parking lot, the other an empty site where a condo is going. Harold's back deck has been remodeled and is non smoking and the upstairs of the OD Café is non smoking.

The Pavilion has done some renovating, with a few new additions. Ducks has changed owners and the upstairs completely renovated. The dance floor is huge and the DJ booth is in the middle. There's another entrance, so traffic moves easier. The Grille and Arcade haven't change a bit, yet!

A huge change is the Music and dancing in Ducks. You'll hear a Line Dance and a slow dance quite often. Before, that's something you'd never hear.

The crowd is also changing. And, not just at Ducks. We're seeing younger people involved. That's a good thing! If we don't propagate, we'll loose it! The younger crowd is also changing some of the music. They want to hear more of the "Beach Bands" music. This, I feel, has prompted the addition of more bands playing in more clubs.

A great change, at least I think so, is the addition of the tent outside Fat Harold's. Yes, he's lost some parking, but it expands the dance floor space and let's you get some fresh air.

Yes, there are changes to the landscape and clubs in Ocean Drive. Some good, some bad. And I believe that will be a lot more changes coming. Ocean Drive, as we knew it, is gone. I believe there will come a time when the Boulevard Grille, The Pavilion, and the Arcade will be gone; replaced with condos or something. Not that I'm against progress. Progress is good and is needed. But, to loose these places would be like loosing a child. It's just not something I wish to see in my lifetime.

I'd like to leave you with this thought and suggestion. If you love this music, this dance, and this lifestyle that just grabs you and whisks you back to your younger years, you'd better make plans to head to Ocean Drive next SOS. If you don't do it now, you may very well miss a piece of history you'll be kicking yourself for the rest of your life!!!

Next month...The things you hear at shag clubs.

**DON'T FORGET...IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE MUSIC THE DJ IS PLAYING...COME UP AND REQUEST SONGS YOU LIKE! AS GOOD AS DJ'S ARE...THEY'RE NOT MIND READERS!**

#### **TOP SONGS FROM SPRING SOS**

Break Out The Tears – Angel Rissoff  
I Want A Love I Can See – Angel Rissoff  
Summer Sunday – Nicolas Bearde  
Swing Low Sweet Chariot – Dominoes

Mabel – Solomon Burke & Eric Clapton  
What About Your Daughter – James Hilton  
Good To Go – Big John Thompson & Rhythm Brothers  
When Love Slips Away – Jay Proctor

#### **BEACH MUSIC TOP 10 – MAY 2005**

1. Hold On To The Blues – Lonnie Givens
3. Let's Get It On (2005 Mix) – Marvin Gaye
5. City Of Angels – Jean Jacques Milteau
7. Love To The Music – Temptations
9. Summer Sunday – Nicolas Bearde

2. Is The Magic Still There – Gary Brown
4. Each and Every Kiss – Pat Carpenter Band
6. Whole Damn World's Gone Crazy – Jacqui Williams
8. Something Smooth – Rick Strickland
10. Getaway Car – Hall & Oats



## D J's and Dance Steps for JUNE 2005

### Intermediate Level Shag Steps:

- June 1st      Hesitation Basic; Pause Walk-Up
- June 8th     Forward Sailor Basic & Pivot
- June 15th    Leg-up basic & Side walk-up
- June 22nd    Crossover basic; Applejack & Male Half Turn
- June 29th    Kick basic, Half Turn & Belly Roll

Beginner Level Shag Steps: June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Intro. Level shag steps: June 8 & 15

DJ'S FOR JUNE: June 1 - Jim Rose

June 8 - Craig Jennings

June 15 - Dennis & Nancy Gehley

June 22 - Eddy Farmer

June 29 - Eddie O'Reilly



## Happy Birthday! Birthdays in June Members!!

If your birthday is incorrect or does not appear here, please contact **Hilda Clemann**, the membership chair, at [hkc1945@aol.com](mailto:hkc1945@aol.com) to add your birthday to our database. Be sure to attend the once a month **BIRTHDAY DANCE** in honor of your **BIRTHDAY** and enjoy a delicious **CAKE** made especially for this occasion by Birthday chair, **CRIS GAINES**—she makes wonderfully scrumptious cakes!



Dale Denning	6/1	Eva Graham	6/3
Vicki Tedesco	6/4	Margo Murphy	6/4
Jack Fitzgerald	6/6	Heather Jennings	6/6
Donna Tourville	6/6	Bonnie Amshey	6/7
Nancy Gehley	6/7	Sharon Salpini	6/7
Denny Koski	6/10	Frank Sulik	6/15
Larry Reaves	6/15	Mary Ferguson	6/17
Bonnie Ginn	6/18	Libby Burge	6/19
Nanette Sulik	6/19	H.K. Lee, Jr.	6/20
Don Borja	6/20	Ron Bishop	6/20
Beverly Sgroi	6/21	Samuel Wray	6/21
Gary Mann	6/24	Shirley Hartman	6/24
Lou Toler	6/27	Keith Abernathy	6/28
Ruth Rapson	6/30		

*WELCOME New Members in April- Mary Graham, Bernard Herrity, William Myer, Marsha Sheehan*

*WELCOME NEW MEMBERS in May-Fran Mong and Donna Ruckert*

*Please introduce yourselves to these new members-ask them to dance!*

**Purchase your own NVSC SHAG INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO—and, or DVD—For ONLY \$10--FEATURING our DANCE INSTRUCTOR-MEMBERS! The videotape/DVD contains most of the steps taught every Wednesday. See David Rodgers at Rene's, telephone him at 703-239-8978, or email: roddersd3@cox.net to purchase your very own "video notebook."**

## **Deposit Fee Reduced—Check Out Instructional Shag**

**Videos** Our club has a constantly growing library of shag instructional videos and they are free to CLUB MEMBERS! All you have to do is put down a fully refundable \$20.00 deposit, take the tape home for up to two weeks, return the tape and get your deposit back. Or you can leave the deposit, return the tape and check out another. After you have checked out all the tapes you wish to view, your deposit will be returned. CONTACT JANE JAMES\* AT RENE'S ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. If videotape is not returned within 30 days, your deposit may be used to purchase a replacement without notice.



**SOS Spring Safari Report...**How do you write an article about an event that you didn't attend? It's easy. Make it up!! I knew the pic would get your attention! I think this couple was at the famous Free Pour!....



Kudos to Marcia Conway who organized the Free Pour at *Fat Harold's Beach Club*. It was reported that the Free Pour was absolutely successful. As a matter of fact, I heard it not from one member, but many were still talking about it for weeks to come. There were many members in attendance. In fact, so many peeps there, that a board decision was quickly made to increase the bar tab amount. The members were given little flashing pins to distinguish them in the crowd of other Carolina shaggers. It helped the bartenders. [Need to think of new strategy for next SOS!] Of course, most wore their NVSC logo shirts as requested! I didn't hear of any gross misbehavior, only good clean fun. Right guys/gals?

We women stick together. We are grown adults but when we go to the beach and room together, it's like going to a teen pajama party! When it's late, or early morning in some cases, those that come in first usually wait up until the remaining come trailing in. Not that there's overly concern for safety, shoot, we're waiting on the scoop! Did you get a lot of dances tonight? Who was the hunk you were dancing with? You spent a lot of time with him. You had a date? Tell us, what's he like? Where does he live? Do you like him? Is he a gentleman? Is he a good dancer? Oh, he took you out to dinner. Hmmm, romantic I hope. Where did you go? And on and on! Boo hoo hoo, I missed out on the action this time...Life is a beach. See you in September!

**FOR SALE: NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CONDO AT AVISTA. BEACHFRONT, OCEAN VIEW, 1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, UNIT #331. COMPLETELY FURNISHED, WITH MURPHY BED, SLEEPS 6+. LARGE BALCONY, 10 FOOT CEILINGS, WASHER/DRYER, SAFE FOR VALUABLES, POOLS IN AND OUT, FITNESS CENTER, AND SO MUCH MORE. WALK TO ALL THE SHAG CLUBS. \$297,900.00. CALL GARY MANN (703)815-2332 (H) OR (703)568-2003 (CELL)**

**For Sale: Large Executive Desk, mahogany wood (it's real wood folks!). \$450.00 For more details call Ellen Testa 703-541-4130**

Thanks from Cooter.....

*"Please thank your fellow members for their kind donation to my hip surgery. It was very generous of you. I am humbled to have such gracious friends. Thanks once again, and hope to see you at SOS."*

